

Raleigh, N.C. - Today, in the wake of a severe weather system that caused devastating tornadoes resulting in numerous fatalities and structural damage to buildings, Governor Bev Perdue declared a State of Emergency for North Carolina counties. The federal disaster designation is meant to speed the process of relief and recovery with FEMA.

Congressman Brad Miller issued the following statement in response to the reports of devastation and damage:

"First, I want to send my heartfelt condolences to those who have lost loved ones in the wake of the storm. You are foremost in my thoughts and prayers.

My office is available and will continue to provide assistance in the days ahead as we begin to rebuild our communities. My staff will be on various sites throughout the week to answer questions and provide expertise with the most updated information as the situation develops. Please do not hesitate to contact us.

Earlier today, I visited the Stony Brook North mobile home park and the Red Cross Emergency Shelters at Heritage High School and temporary shelter at Southeast Raleigh High School to assess the situation. Our entire community has stepped forward and shown a spirit of kindness and generosity to help others in need. I appreciate the many Red Cross and community volunteers and the remarkable work of our First Responders."

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